

QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

ON

MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

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This quarterly report is submitted to the Legislative Oversight Committee in Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (LOC), pursuant to the requirements of Session Law 2001-437. This report is for the months of January 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007 and provides information on major developments as the division implements reform.

Section I: Major developments for this quarter include:

Major developments include the completion of the Cultural Competency Plan which is posted on the DMH/DD/SAS web site. The First Quarter Local Management Entity (LME) Performance Report was finalized during the quarter.

1. Communication Bulletins # 069 through # 071

- Communication Bulletin #069 outlined the Housing 400 Initiative created by the NC General assembly in July 2006. The bulletin listed the LME Housing Coordination Activities and provided an overview of the Key Program.
- Communication Bulletin #070 announced the addition of the new Adult Substance Abuse IPRS target population for Treatment Engagement and Recovery (ASTER). The purpose of the Treatment Engagement and Recovery target population is to promote broadened eligibility for primary substance abuse treatment services for which a provider may be reimbursed.
- Communication Bulletin #071 announced the MH/D/SAS Community Systems Progress Indicators Quarterly Report for the second quarter SFY 2006-2007. This report tracks the status and progress of community systems and provides a means by which the public and General Assembly may hold the Division and LMEs accountable for progress toward the goals of the system reform.

In addition to the Communication Bulletin Series, the Division released several Enhanced Services Implementation Updates to assist providers and consumers with the transition process. Two (2) updates were released, covering the following topics:

- **Implementation Update #23** contained clarification on a variety of issues related to CAP-MR/DD including appeals, authorizations, supported employment and targeted case management.
- **Implementation Update #24** announced the implementation of the revised CAP-MR/DD Family/Guardian Service Provision Policy. The revised policy has been greatly informed and improved as a result of input from families.

2. Systems Development

There were no significant system developments this quarter.

3. Merger of Local Management Entities

There were no local management entity consolidations during this quarter.

4. Services and Programs

- **Service Definitions:** No significant changes in service definitions this quarter.
- **Division Training:** Community Support Audit Training for the LMEs was conducted this quarter.
- **Waivers:** No significant changes in waivers this quarter.

5. Financing

Mental Health Trust Fund:

As of March 31, 2007, approximately \$55,974,687 from the Mental Health Trust fund has been used to assist in mental health reform and community expansion.

6. Public Outreach to Discuss System Reform

A Transformation Update Town Hall Meeting was held in Kenansville this quarter. The Division shared information and listened to concerns about system transformation.

The Division continues to post on its website Questions and Answers regarding the New and Modified Service Definitions.

7. Rule Changes

The following rules were approved at the February 15, 2007 Commission for MH/DD/SAS meeting:

- **Proposed Adoption of 10A NCAC 26C .0600 Removal of LME Functions**
The Commission approved the proposed adoption for publication of this rule.
- **Proposed Adoption of 10A NCAC 27G .0212 Disclosure of Financial Interest**
The Commission approved the proposed adoption for publication of this rule.

- **Proposed Repeal of 10A NCAC 281 .0401 Firearms State Facilities**
The Commission approved the proposed repeal of this rule.
- **Proposed Repeal of 10A NCAC 27G .1500 Intensive Residential Treatment** The Commission approved the proposed repeal of this rule.

8. Developing Community Capacity

- The Division published *Mental Health Reform, Tasks and Outcomes 2001 to 2005*, which lists the detailed tasks from each of the five State Plans and the status of each.
- The Division also published *Milestones and Accomplishments: Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services in North Carolina*, which is a summary of the accomplishments and milestones of mental health reform over the past six years in the areas of community service, institutional services and system organization and operation.